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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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For: HOLLOW TUBE BODY FOR MEDICAL  
TOOL AND A CATHETER INTO  
WHICH THE HOLLOW TUBE BODY IS  
INCORPORATED

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 10, 2008, the period for reply extends through January 10, 2008, entry of the following remarks is respectfully requested to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, alternatively, in better form for appeal.